



# Caves Trail

This trail crosses a lava field punctuated by cave entrances. The “caves” are actually lava tubes where hot streams of lava drained away and portions of ceilings collapsed.

Caves like Indian Tunnel offer the opportunity to drop beneath the crust and explore the interior of a lava tube. The Craters of the Moon landscape is more than just surface volcanic features. Below ground there is a dynamic underworld where fiery rivers in hardened, self-insulating tubes once flowed for miles without losing heat.

## BE PREPARED AND USE CAUTION

These caves are undeveloped and contain many hazards. There are no paved trails in the caves and no artificial lighting.

Take at least one dependable source of light for short trips, three for extended exploration. Only Indian Tunnel may be visited without a flashlight.

For your safety, please respect the rope barriers that mark areas closed because of unstable ceilings or walls. Wear sturdy shoes and long pants.

Wear a helmet for protection against low ceilings. A hat may offer limited protection.

Do not enter the caves alone. Help can be a long time coming.

## HELP PRESERVE THE CAVES

Cave features are fragile and irreplaceable. Do not remove any rocks or other objects. Do not leave trash in the caves.

Indian Tunnel. Some of the lava tubes are like vast, empty subway tunnels.

